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SUBJECT MEETING OF INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION OF INQUIRY (ICI) INTO US CRIMES IN INDO-
CHINA, HELD IN COPENHAGEN, DENMARK, 10 - 16 OCTOBER 1972

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SUMMARY: THE THIRD SESSION OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION OF INQUIRY
(ICI) WAS ATTENDED BY 20 PERMANENT MEMBERS AND AN ADDITIONAL 30 "CO-OPTED"
MEMBERS. THE SOVIET PARTICIPANTS WERE ABLE TO MINIMIZE ANTI-U.S. PROPAGANDA
AND THWARTED EFFORTS BY THE VIETNAMESE AND THEIR SUPPORTERS TO INSERT INTEM-
PERATE LANGUAGE INTO THE CONCLUDING STATEMENT OF THE MEETING. A DATE AND PLACE
FOR THE NEXT SESSION OF THE COMMISSION WAS LEFT UNDETERMINED. END OF SUMMARY.
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1. THE THIRD SESSION OF THE ICI INTO US CRIMES IN INDOCHINA TOOK PLACE FROM
10 - 16 OCTOBER 1972 IN COPENHAGEN, DENMARK, UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF SWEDISH
PROFESSOR GUNNAR Y R D A L. MOST OF THE ORGANIZATIONAL WORK, HOWEVER, WAS
UNDERTAKEN BY THE ICI'S SECRETARY GENERAL, HANS GORAN R A N C K, A SWEDISH
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ALTHOUGH THERE WERE ONLY 20 PERMANENT MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION PRESENT, SOME 30 ADDITIONAL PERSONS WERE "CO-OPTED" AS "MEMBERS FOR THE THIRD SESSION." SINCE ONLY MEMBERS WERE PERMITTED TO ATTEND THE CLOSED MEETINGS AND SINCE IT WAS IMPORTANT TO THE ORGANIZERS THAT THE COMMISSION APPEAR TO BE A WIDELY-REPRESENTATIVE BODY, THE DEVICE OF CO-OPTING MEMBERS GAVE FAR WIDER PARTICIPATION TO THE WORK OF THE COMMISSION. MORE THAN 35 OBSERVERS AND GUESTS, ALMOST HALF OF WHOM WERE JAPANESE, WERE PERMITTED TO ATTEND ONLY THE OPEN MEETINGS OF THE COMMISSION.

2. FIVE "RAPORTEURS" ~~ANTHONY J. S. S. O.~~, ~~FRED S. R. A. N. F. M. A. N.~~, ~~MARILYN M. C. N. A. B. B.~~, AND PROFESSOR ~~CHANDLER C. R. S. E.~~ ALL OF THE U.S.A. AND ~~MASABURO H. A. S. H. I. M. O. T. O.~~ OF JAPAN ADDRESSED THE COMMISSION. THE FOLLOWING "U.S.A. WITNESSES" ALSO GAVE SPEECHES: ~~RICHARD O. Y. L. E.~~, ~~JOHN C. H. A. M. P. L. I. N.~~, ~~STEVEN H. A. W. K. I. N. S.~~, ~~MIKE O. N. E. S.~~ AND HIS WIFE ~~DIANE~~, ~~PHIL M. O. R. R. I. S.~~ AND ~~JAMES W. A. L. K. L. E. Y.~~ *Mr. Lums*

3. THE SECRETARIAT FOR THE SESSION CONSISTED OF DR. ~~ALEKSANDR B. E. R. K. O. V.~~ OF THE SOVIET UNION, ~~PELLE J. E. L. L. S. T. R. O. M.~~ OF NORWAY AND ~~FRANK W. E. R. K. M. E. I. S. T. E. R.~~ OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY. THEIR STAFF ASSISTANTS WERE ALL YOUNG COMMUNISTS OR MEMBERS OF EXTREME LEFTIST GROUPS. *RUSG*

4. NO VIETNAMESE, EITHER FROM THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM (DRV) OR FROM THE PROVISIONAL REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT (PRG) OF SOUTH VIETNAM, WERE LISTED AS COMMISSION MEMBERS OR CO-OPTED MEMBERS OF THE SESSION. REPRESENTATIVES

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OF BOTH GROUPS, HOWEVER, WERE PRESENT THROUGH THE SIX DAYS OF THE COPENHAGEN MEETING AND WERE IN CONSTANT TOUCH WITH THE COMMISSION'S ORGANIZERS BEHIND CLOSED DOORS. THEY TOOK AN ACTIVE PART IN THE DRAFTING OF THE SESSION'S "CONCLUDING STATEMENT."

5. GENERAL S I N G K A P O ~~X~~IKHOT ~~X~~HOUNAMALY HEADED THE DELEGATION OF THE LAO PATRIOTIC FRONT. *LAOS; DENI*

6. VIRTUALLY ALL THE FORMAL SPEECHES AND REPORTS GIVEN DURING THE SESSION WERE PRINTED AND CIRCULATED, NOT ONLY TO THOSE ATTENDING BUT ALSO TO THE PRESS AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC. THE CONCLUDING STATEMENT CONDEMNED THE U.S. FOR THE "WANTON DESTRUCTION" IT CAUSED IN INDOCHINA AND APPEALED "TO ALL PEOPLES, TO ALL GOVERNMENTS, TO ALL INDIVIDUALS AND TO ALL ORGANIZATIONS OF THE WORLD TO MAKE THE GREATEST POSSIBLE EFFORT TO STOP THE U.S. WAR AGAINST THE PEOPLES OF INDOCHINA AND TO SUPPORT THE DEMANDS FOR JUST AND LASTING PEACE IN INDOCHINA." THIS CONCLUDING STATEMENT IS REMARKABLE FOR THE COMPARATIVE MODERATION OF ITS LANGUAGE. SUCH HIGHLY CHARGED TERMS AS "IMPERIALISTS," "CRIMINALS," ETC., WERE LARGELY AVOIDED WHEN REFERRING TO THE U.S. AND ITS LEADERS. THIS ACHIEVEMENT REPRESENTED A VICTORY FOR THE MORE MODERATE ELEMENTS AT THE COPENHAGEN MEETING AND A RELATIVE DEFEAT FOR THE DRV AND PRG AND THEIR SUPPORTERS WHOSE OWN INDIVIDUAL STATEMENTS AND RESOLUTIONS CONTAINED FREQUENT REFERENCES TO "AMERICAN IMPERIALISTS AND THEIR LACKEYS" AND SIMILAR INTEMPERATE LANGUAGE. *Russia; DENI*

7. IN PRIVATE MEETINGS BERKOV AND PROFESSOR ~~X~~ARRADY ~~X~~OLTORAK, OF THE SOVIET UNION, SAID THAT IT WAS IMPERATIVE THAT THE VIETNAMESE BE MADE TO REALIZE

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THAT THE COPENHAGEN MEETING HAD BEEN CALLED ONLY TO INVESTIGATE WAR CRIMES IN INDOCHINA, AND THAT IT SHOULD NOT BE USED AS A PROPAGANDA PLATFORM FOR OTHER GROUPS SEEKING TO PUBLICIZE AND EXPLOIT THEIR PARTICULAR GRIEVANCES IF THESE WERE NOT DIRECTLY LINKED TO THE WORK OF THE COMMISSION. [REDACTED] COMMENT: SEE

[REDACTED] DATED 7 OCTOBER 1972, FOR REPORTING ON POLTORAK'S VIEWS ON THE HEARINGS PRIOR TO THE MEETING.) THEY MAINTAINED THAT THERE SHOULD BE NO BASIC DISCREPANCY BETWEEN THE DISCUSSIONS IN COPENHAGEN AND THE PEACE NEGOTIATIONS THEN UNDERWAY BETWEEN THE U.S. AND HANOI, PROVIDED THAT THE WAR CRIMES COMMISSION CONDUCTED ITS WORK IN A BUSINESS-LIKE FASHION, AVOIDED POLEMICS, AND WAS AS WIDELY REPRESENTATIVE AS POSSIBLE. BERKOV AND POLTORAK THEREFORE SUCCESSFULLY URGED PERSONS WHO WERE ATTENDING INITIALLY AS OBSERVERS TO PERMIT THEMSELVES TO BE CO-OPTED AS MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION FOR THE THIRD SESSION ONLY. THEY FURTHER URGED SOME OF THESE INDIVIDUALS TO EXERT WHATEVER PRESSURE THEY COULD, BOTH IN WORKING SESSIONS AND IN PRIVATE MEETINGS, TO PERSUADE THE VIETNAMESE TO BE MORE "REALISTIC" AND TO AGREE TO MODERATE THE LANGUAGE THEY HAD ORIGINALLY WISHED TO USE IN THE CONCLUDING STATEMENT.

8. THE SOVIETS WERE EVEN MORE IMPATIENT WITH THE EXTREME STATEMENTS MADE BY RUSSO, ONE OF THE AMERICAN "RAPPORTEURS." THEY WERE APPALLED AT THE INSULTING TERMS HE USED CONCERNING PRESIDENT N I X O N AND DUBIOUS ABOUT HIS REFERENCE TO HITHERTO SECRET INFORMATION CONTAINED IN RAND CORPORATION REPORTS PREPARED FOR THE U.S. DEFENSE DEPARTMENT.

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9. THE COMMISSION, WHILE EXPRESSING THE HOPE THAT "THE WAR IN INDOCHINA WILL SOON BE BROUGHT TO A JUST END," NEVERTHELESS FELT THAT IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO CONVENE A FOURTH SESSION OF THE ICI, AND CHARGED THE SECRETARIAT TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR SUCH A MEETING AT "A TIME AND PLACE TO BE DETERMINED." IN THE INTERIM, IT PLANS TO CARRY OUT FURTHER INVESTIGATION, RESEARCH, AND PROPAGANDA.

10. FIELD DISSEM. SENT TO COPENHAGEN FOR AMBASSADOR RUSSELL ONLY; PARIS FOR AMBASSADOR WATSON, AMBASSADOR PORTER AND MR. ISHAM ONLY; SAIGON FOR AMBASSADOR BUNKER, DEPUTY AMBASSADOR WHITEHOUSE AND GENERAL WEYAND ONLY.

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